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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR PRINGLE: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DOING REPRESENTATION ON KOTSCHUMIAN FAMILY (REPLIST 20 CASE). YEREVAN OVIR REFUSED TO ACCEPT NEW INVITATION ON FEBRUARY 20, 1978. SINCE NOT SINGLE ARMENIAN CASE ON REPLIST HAS BEEN RESOLVED SINCE LAST YEAR, WOULD LIKE YOUR AND CLIFF'S VIEWS ON EMBOFF TRIP TO YEREVAN OVIR TO PRESENT ARMENIAN PORTION OF REPLIST 20.

2. ON THE AMBASSADOR'S SEPTEMBER VISIT, WOULD HE BE INTERESTED DURING HIS PINEHURST STAY TO SPEAK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (ATHENS) ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 13, THE ATLANTA BREAKFAST FORUM SEPTEMBER 14, AND TO FACULTY AND CIVIC GROUPS AT THE CITADEL (CHARLESTON, SC) ON SEPTEMBER 15? IF THESE DATES ARE INCONVENIENT, WE
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CAN SEE ALTERNATIVES.

3. FYI: ON THE AMBASSADOR'S SEPTEMBER 1 CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, THE SECRETARY, VEST AND LUERS WILL BE ON LEAVE. WE HAVE SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH MARSHALL SHULMAN AND SOV ONLY. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THE AMBASSADOR WOULD

LIKE TO SEE THAT FIRST DAY, RATHER THAN DURING HIS LATER CONSULTATIONS?

4. BEN TUA HAD A LONG TALK WITH SHERROD TODAY AND THE SHORT OF IT IS THAT BEN WANTS TO BE RELEASED FROM HIS THIRD YEAR EXTENSION. HIS WIFE IS UNHAPPY IN MOSCOW AND DOES NOT PLAN TO RETURN, AT LEAST FOR NOW. BEN WILL GO BACK, BUT WANT OUT IN SUMMER OF 1979 TO AVOID A LONG FAMILY SEPARATION. HE DISCUSSED THIS WITH DICK COMBS BEFORE LEAVING ON R&R. ON A REPLACEMENT: (A) WOULD YOU HAVE A CANDIDATE FOR AN INTERNAL SHIFT TO FILL BEN'S POL/INT SLOT (PRINGLE/WEISZ), AND IF SO, DO WE NEED TO FIND A REPLACEMENT TO FILL THAT CANDIDATE'S SLOT IN 1979? (B) WHAT ABOUT PHOTENHAUER AT GARMISH AND SCHEDULED FOR CONS IN 1979 (BOB GERMAN EARLIER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HIM), OR SANDY VERSHBOW WHO IS AT FSI AND ALSO SLOTTED FOR CONS IN 1979? (C) SOME VETERANS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RETURNING FOR A POL ASSIGNMENT; WOULD YOU LIKE SOME OF THEIR NAMES TO CONSIDER? (D) WE HAVE SOME ASPIRANTS ON THE STRING WHO WOULD NEED ONLY TOPPING OFF IN RUSSIAN AND COULD BE AVAILABLE IN SUMMER 1979; WE CAN TAP THEM AS REPLACEMENTS IN SHIFT OPTIONS A AND B ABOVE. VANCE

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